DIY Natural Green Cleaners

All Purpose Cleaner

Mix together in a spray bottle. Spray surface and wipe clean with a cloth.

Disinfecting Spray

Mix together in a spray bottle. Spray surface and wipe clean with a cloth.
Fabric Softener

1 Cup White Vinegar + 1 Cup Baking Soda

Use 1 Cup during the rinse cycle. (Please note: Mixing vinegar and baking soda, will cause the solution to foam up, so pour slowly.)

Glass Cleaner

1 Cup Water + 1 Cup White Vinegar

Mix together in a spray bottle. Spray surface and wipe clean with a microfiber cloth.
Toilet Cleaner

Combine ingredients into a spray bottle. (Please note: Mixing vinegar and baking soda, will cause the solution to foam up, so pour slowly.) Spray on toilet bowl and allow mixture to sit for a few minutes. Sprinkle more baking soda inside the toilet if needed. Scrub with a brush and flush when complete.

Bath and Shower Spray

Mix all ingredients together in a spray bottle. Spray surface and wipe clean. Use weekly to avoid soap scum and build up.
Oven Cleaning

Mix baking soda and salt together. Spray surface with water and sprinkle on dry ingredients. Spray the oven again with water. Leave overnight. The next morning wipe out the oven and wash with hot soapy water.

Scouring Powder

Combine dry ingredients in a jar. Wet surface with water and sprinkle on your scouring powder. Leave on for 5 minutes then scrub clean with a brush or damp cloth.
Carpet Stain Remover

Rub light carpet stains with a mixture of 2 tablespoons salt dissolved in 1/2 cup white vinegar (add 2 tablespoons borax for larger darker stains). Let the solution dry and then vacuum.

Air Freshener Spray

Add water and baking soda to a spray bottle. Mix until baking soda is dissolved. Add in 10-20 drops of Tea Tree Essential oil. Mist around room for a natural and fresh scent.
**Floor Cleaner**

1 cup of white vinegar  +  1/4 cup baking soda  +  1 Tbs. vegetable oil based liquid soap  +  2 gallons hot water

Combine all ingredients, stirring well to dissolve the soda. Mop as usual

**Drain Cleaner**

1 cup white vinegar  +  1/2 cup baking soda  +  1 gallon boiling water

Pour baking soda down drain followed by vinegar. Allow the mixture to foam for several minutes before flushing the drain with the boiling water.
Wood Cleaner

Mix ingredients. Using a soft cloth, rub cleaner into the wood in the direction of the grain.

Non-Abrasive Soft Scrubber

In a bowl, mix the borax with enough soap to form a creamy paste. Add lemon oil and blend. Scoop a small amount of mixture onto sponge, wash the surface, and then rinse well.
Laminate Floor Cleaner

1/2 cup white vinegar

1 gallon warm water

Mix ingredients. Avoid over-wetting the floor by using a spray bottle to apply the mixture. Mop as usual (Microfiber mop works best).

Disclaimer: Homemade disinfectants and sanitizers are not substations for an EPA registered product which is required for use in Indiana’s regulated or legal license-exempt child cares. Also please note that air fresheners are not recommended for use in child care.

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